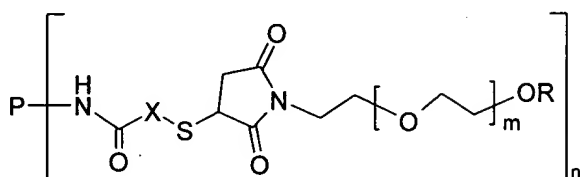


This listing of the claims will replace all prior version and listings of the claims in this application.

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

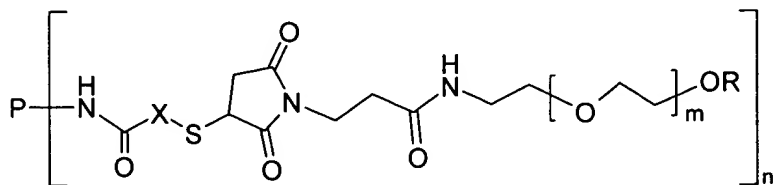
**Claims 1-23 (Cancelled)**

24. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 23 90 wherein said conjugate has the formula:



wherein n is an integer from 1 to 3; m is an integer from 450 to 900; R is lower alkyl; X is  $-(CH_2)_k-$  or  $-CH_2(O-CH_2-CH_2)_k-$ ; and P is the erythropoietin glycoprotein without the amino group or groups which form an amide linkage; and k is from 1-10.

25. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 23 90 wherein the conjugate has the formula:



wherein n is an integer from 1 to 3; m is an integer from 450 to 900; R is lower alkyl; X is  $-(CH_2)_k-$  or  $-CH_2(O-CH_2-CH_2)_k-$ ; and P is the erythropoietin glycoprotein without the amino group or groups which form an amide linkage; and k is from 1-10.

Claim 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein said solution is an isotonic solution.

28. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein the anion is an anion of a multiple charged strong inorganic acid.

29. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 28 wherein the anion is selected from the group consisting of sulfate or phosphate.

30. (Original) The composition of claim 29 wherein the anion is a sulfate anion.

31. (Original) The composition of claim 30 wherein the pH is 5.8 to 6.7

32. (Original) The composition of claim 30 wherein the pH is 6.0 to 6.5

33. (Original) The composition of claim 31 wherein the pH is about 6.2.

34. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein the buffer is a phosphate buffer.

Claims 35-37 (Cancelled)

38. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein the erythropoietin has the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

39. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein the erythropoietin glycoprotein has the sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 that is modified by the addition of from 1 to 6 glycosylation sites.

40. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 39 wherein the sequence of modification is

Asn<sup>30</sup>Thr<sup>32</sup>Val<sup>87</sup>Asn<sup>88</sup>Thr<sup>90</sup>.

41. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein said erythropoietin glycoprotein product has the sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 that is modified by a rearrangement of at least one glycosylation site.

42. (Original) The composition of claim 41, wherein the rearrangement comprises deletion of any of the N-linked glycosylation sites in human erythropoietin with the addition of an N-linked glycosylation site at position 88 of the sequence of human erythropoietin.

Claims 43-50 (Canceled)

51. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 26 90 wherein said solution contains from 10 µg to 10,000 µg erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, from 10 to 200 mmol/liter of solution of a sulfate as the multiple charged inorganic anion, and 10 to 50 mmol/liter of solution of a phosphate as the pharmaceutically acceptable buffer, said solution having a pH of from about 6.0 to about 6.5.

52. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 51 further comprising up to 20 mM of methionine, and 1 - 5 % of a polyol (w/v).

53. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 52 comprising from 10 µg to 10,000 µg erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, 40 mmol/liter of solution of the sulfate, 10 mmol/liter of said solution of the phosphate, 10 mM methionine, said composition having a pH of about 6.2, and wherein the polyol is mannitol which is present in the solution at 3% (w/v).

54. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 26 90 wherein the solution contains from 10 µg to 10,000 µg erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, the buffer is phosphate which is present at 10 to 50 mmol/liter of solution, said solution further comprising NaCl which is present at 10 to 100 mmol/liter of solution and having a pH of from about 6.0 to about 7.0.

55. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 54 wherein the NaCl is present at 100 mmol/liter of solution, the phosphate is present at 10 mmol/l, said solution further comprising 10 mM methionine and having a pH of about 7.0.

Claims 56 - 58 (Cancelled)

59. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 90 wherein the amount of erythropoietin protein is 50, 100, 400, 800 or 2,500 µg/ml of solution.

60. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 59 comprising 10 mM sodium phosphate and 40 mM sodium sulfate and further comprising 3% mannitol, 10 mM methionine and 0.01% pluronic F68, and having a pH of about 6.2.

61. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 59 comprising ~~40 mM arginine and~~ 30 mM sodium sulfate and further comprising 3% mannitol, 40 mM arginine, 10 mM methionine, 0.01% pluronic F68, and a pH of about 6.2.

Claims 62-66 (Cancelled)

67. (Currently amended) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising ~~a therapeutically effective amount of~~ a pegylated erythropoietin glycoprotein ~~product~~ conjugate of formula



wherein

P is an erythropoietin glycoprotein having the sequence SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, or either of these sequences modified by the addition of from 1 to 6 glycosylation sites or by rearrangement of at least one glycosylation site, minus the n amino group of said glycoprotein,

R is lower alkyl,

x is 2 or 3,

m is from about 450 to about 900;

n is from 1 to 3; and

wherein the values of n and m are such that the molecular weight of the conjugate minus the erythropoietin glycoprotein is from 20 kilodaltons to 100 kilodaltons, and wherein the amount of the erythropoietin glycoprotein is from about 10 µg per ml to about 10,000 µg per ml of solution; and

from about 10 to about 200 mmol per liter of solution a multiple charged inorganic anion and from about 10 to about 50 mmol per liter of solution of a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer, said anion and said buffer being present in said solution in an amount such that the pH of the solution is from about 5.5 to about 7.0.

68. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 67 wherein x is 2, m is 650 to 750, n is 1, and R is methyl.

Claims 69-70 (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 68 wherein the pegylated erythropoietin ~~glycoprotein~~ conjugate is present in an amount such as to provide of about 100.0 µg of erythropoietin protein per mL µg/mL of solution, the multiple charged inorganic anion is sodium ~~sulphate~~ sulfate which is present in an amount of about 5.68 mg/mL, the pharmaceutically acceptable buffer is sodium phosphate which is present in an amount of about 1.38 mg/mL, and wherein the pH of the solution is ~~about~~ 6.2±0.2.

72. (Previously presented) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 71 further comprising methionine in an amount of about 1.49 mg/mL, mannitol in an amount of about 30.0 mg/mL and poloxamers type 188 in an amount of 0.1 mg/mL.

73. (Currently amended) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 68 wherein the pegylated erythropoietin glycoprotein conjugate is present in an amount of such as to provide about 400  $\mu$ g of erythropoietin protein per mL  ~~$\mu$ g/mL~~ of solution, the multiple charged inorganic anion is sodium sulphate which is present in an amount of about 5.68 mg/mL, the pharmaceutically acceptable buffer is sodium phosphate which is present in an amount of about 1.38 mg/mL, and wherein the pH of the solution is about 6.2 $\pm$ 0.2.

74. (Previously presented) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 73 further comprising methionine in an amount of about 1.49 mg/mL, mannitol in an amount of about 30.0 mg/mL and poloxamers type 188 in an amount of 0.1 mg/mL.

75. (Currently amended) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 68 wherein the pegylated erythropoietin glycoprotein conjugate is present in an amount of such as to provide about 800.0  $\mu$ g of erythropoietin protein per mL  ~~$\mu$ g/mL~~ of solution, the multiple charged inorganic anion is sodium sulphate which is present in an amount of about 5.68 mg/mL, the pharmaceutically acceptable buffer is sodium phosphate which is present in an amount of about 1.38 mg/mL, and wherein the pH of the solution is about 6.2 $\pm$ 0.2.

76. (Previously presented) The liquid pharmaceutical composition of claim 75 further comprising methionine in an amount of about 1.49 mg/mL, mannitol in an amount of about 30.0 mg/mL and poloxamers type 188 in an amount of 0.1 mg/mL.

77. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~26~~ 67 wherein the erythropoietin protein is present at about 25 to about 2,500 µg/ml, the buffer is sodium or potassium phosphate which is present in an amount of about 10 mM, said composition further comprising NaCl which is present in an amount of about 100 mM and having a pH of about 7.0.

Claims 78 – 82 (Canceled)

83. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from 10 µg to 10,000 µg per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells, from 10 to 100 mmol/liter of solution of sodium sulfate, and from 10 to 50 mmol/liter of said solution of arginine, said solution having a pH of from about 6 to about 6.5 and being stable at room temperature.

84. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 83 wherein said solution comprises 40 mmol/liter of solution of arginine, 30 mmol/liter of solution of sodium sulfate, said solution further comprising 3% mannitol, 10 mM methionine, and 0.01% pluronic F68, and having a pH of about 6.2.



85. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from about 25  $\mu\text{g}$  to about 2,500  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells, about 120 mM of sodium sulfate, and about 10 mM of sodium phosphate, said solution having a pH of about 6.2 and being stable at room temperature.

86. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from about 25  $\mu\text{g}$  to about 2,500  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells, about 40 mM of sodium sulfate, and about 10 mM sodium phosphate, said solution having a pH of about 6.2 and being stable at room temperature.

87. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from about 25  $\mu\text{g}$  to about 2,500  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells, about 40 mM of sodium sulfate, about 10 mM sodium phosphate, 3% mannitol and 10 mM methionine, and having a pH of about 6.2 and being stable at room temperature.

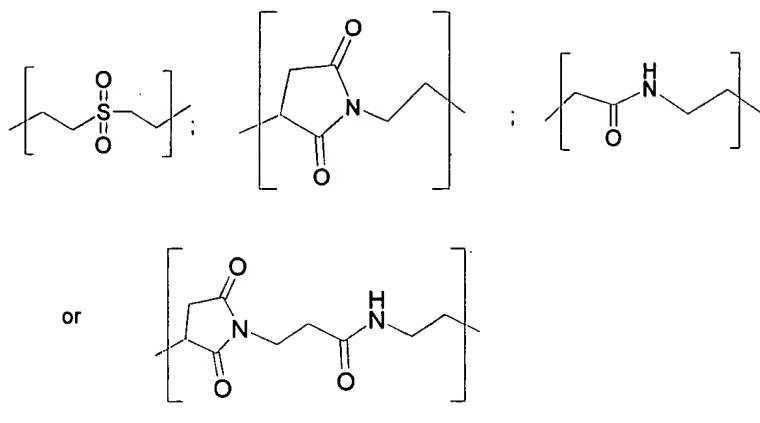
88. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from about 25  $\mu\text{g}$  to about 2,500  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells,

about 30 mM of sodium sulfate, about 40 mM arginine, and 3% mannitol, said solution having a pH of about 6.2 and being stable at room temperature.

89. (Previously presented) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising from about 25  $\mu$ g to about 2,500  $\mu$ g per ml of said solution of an erythropoietin glycoprotein product having the *in vivo* biological activity of causing bone marrow cells to increase production of reticulocytes and red blood cells, about 30 mM of sodium sulfate, about 40 mM arginine, and about 3% mannitol, said solution having a pH of about 6.2 and being stable at room temperature.

90. (New) A liquid pharmaceutical composition in the form of an aqueous solution comprising:

(a) an erythropoietin glycoprotein conjugate comprising an erythropoietin protein having at least one free amino group and having the sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2, or having either of said sequences modified by the addition of from 1 to 6 glycosylation sites or by rearrangement of at least one glycosylation site; said erythropoietin protein being covalently linked to from one to three lower-alkoxy poly(ethylene glycol) groups with each poly(ethylene glycol) group being covalently linked to the erythropoietin *via* a linker of the formula -C(O)-X-S-Y- with the C(O) of the linker forming an amide bond with one of said amino groups; X is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>k</sub>- or -CH<sub>2</sub>(O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>k</sub>-; k is from 1 to 10; Y is selected from



the average molecular weight of each poly(ethylene glycol) moiety being from about 20 kilodaltons to about 40 kilodaltons; and wherein the molecular weight of the erythropoietin conjugate is from about 51 kilodaltons to about 175 kilodaltons, and wherein the amount of erythropoietin protein is from 10  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml to about 10,000  $\mu\text{g}$  per ml of solution ;

(b) from 10 to 200 mmol per liter of solution of a multiple charged inorganic anion; and

(c) a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer;

said anion and said buffer being present in said solution in an amount to provide the solution with a pH of from 5.5 to about 7.0, said liquid composition being stable at room temperature.

91. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the solution is an isotonic solution.

92. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the anion is an anion of a multiple charged strong inorganic acid.

93. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the anion is selected from the group consisting of sulfate or phosphate.

94. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the anion is a sulfate anion.

95. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the pH is from 5.8 to 6.7.

96. (New) The composition of claim 95 wherein the pH is from 6.0 to 6.5.

97. (New) The composition of claim 96 wherein the pH is about 6.2.

98. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the buffer is a phosphate buffer.

99. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the erythropoietin glycoprotein has the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:2.

100. (New) The composition of claim 99 wherein the erythropoietin glycoprotein has the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1.

101. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein said solution contains from 10  $\mu$ g to 10,000  $\mu$ g erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, from 10 to 200 mmol/liter of solution of a sulfate as the multiple charged inorganic anion, and 10 to 50 mmol/liter of

solution of a phosphate as the pharmaceutically acceptable buffer, said solution having a pH of from about 6.0 to about 6.5.

102. (New) The composition of claim 101 further comprising up to 20 mM of methionine, and 1 - 5 % of a polyol (w/v).

103. (New) The composition of claim 102 comprising from 10  $\mu$ g to 10,000  $\mu$ g erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, 40 mmol/liter of solution of the sulfate, 10 mmol/liter of said solution of the phosphate, 10 mM methionine, said composition having a pH of about 6.2, and wherein the polyol is mannitol which is present in the solution at 3% (w/v).

104. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the solution contains from 10  $\mu$ g to 10,000  $\mu$ g erythropoietin protein per ml of solution, the buffer is phosphate which is present at 10 to 50 mmol/liter of solution, said solution further comprising NaCl which is present at 10 to 100 mmol/liter of solution and having a pH of from about 6.0 to about 7.0.

105. (New) The composition of claim 104 wherein the NaCl is present at 100 mmol/liter of solution, the phosphate is present at 10 mmol/l, said solution further comprising 10 mM methionine and having a pH of about 7.0.

106. (New) The composition of claim 67 wherein the amount of erythropoietin protein is 50, 100, 400, 800 or 2,500  $\mu$ g/ml of solution.

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107. (New) The composition of claim 106 comprising 10 mM sodium phosphate and 40 mM sodium sulfate and further comprising 3% mannitol, 10 mM methionine and 0.01% pluronic F68, and having a pH of about 6.2.

108. (New) The composition of claim 106 comprising 30 mM sodium sulfate and further comprising 3% mannitol, 40 mM arginine, 10 mM methionine, 0.01% pluronic F68, and a pH of about 6.2.